

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been divided into Groups as follows:

Group I: Claim(s) 1-14 drawn to a mold release agent and associated processes using said mold release agent.

Group II: Claim(s) 15-17 and 19, drawn to a molding.

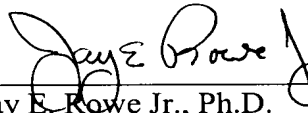
Group III: Claim(s) 18 and 20. drawn to a tire.

Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-14, drawn to a mold release agent and associated processes using said mold release agent, for examination.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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